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SUBJ: 24TH COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--CRIME PRE-
VENTION AND CONTROL (ITEM 5)

1. SUMMARY: CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM CENTERED ON REPORT OF
COMITE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL. ALL DELS, INCLUDING US,
COMMENDED REPORT AND SUPPORTED GENERAL CONCLUSIONS, ALTHOUGH
SEVERAL TOOK EXCEPTION TO COMITE'S VIEW THAT POLITICALLY MOTI-
VATED TERRORISM SHOULD BE DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER FORMS OF
TERRORISM. PLANS FOR 5TH UN CONGRESS ON PREVENTION OF CRIME
AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS WERE DISCUSSED. SEVERAL DELS EX-
PRESSED CONCERN LEST COMITE'S FINAL PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED BY GA WITHOUT CSD HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ITS IN-
PUT. UK DEL WILL SOUND OUT OTHER DELS AS TO DESIRABILITY OF
RES POSTPONING GA CONSIDERATION OF ACTION PLAN UNTIL AFTER 25TH
CSD SESSION IN 1977. US DEL REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT.
END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSION WAS OPENED BY MILLER, CANADIAN COORDINATOR FOR THE
5TH UN CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL, WHO DESCRIBED IN
DETAIL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR CONGRESS WHICH WILL MEET IN
TORONTO SEPT 1-15. UK REP (PROSSER) EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING
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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN 5TH CONGRESS AT WHICH DELS WOULD BE INSTRUCTED

BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND A PRELIMINARY 3-DAY MEETING OF RESEARCHERS IN THE FIELD OF CRIMINOLOGY TO BE HELD IN MONTREAL JUST PRIOR TO CONVENING OF CONGRESS. HE WAS ASSURED BY SECT AND BY MILLER THAT ALTHOUGH ALL PARTICIPATING RESEARCHERS WOULD BE GOING ON TO 5TH CONGRESS, THEY WERE NOT MEETING IN MONTREAL AS REPS OF GOVERNMENTS AND HAD NO OFFICIAL STATUS. THEY WERE BEING INVITED BY THE CANADIAN CRIMINOLOGY INSTITUTE IN COOPERATION WITH UN SOCIAL DEFENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ROME.

2. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION, DELS CONCENTRATED REMARKS PRIMARILY UPON INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION, CONTAINED IN REPORT OF THIRD MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AND PARTICULARLY UPON "NEW AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF CRIME." ALL SPEAKERS, INCLUDING US REP (PICKER) (SPEECH BEING POUCHED) COMMENDED REPORT AND EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH ITS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. MEXICO, ITALY AND FRANCE, HOWEVER, TOOK ISSUE WITH COMITE'S VIEW THAT DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN TERRORISM THAT WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND THAT WHICH WAS CRIMINALLY MOTIVATED.

3. COMITE HAD INCLUDED DRUG TRAFFIC AS NEW AND SPECIAL CRIME IN ITS REPORT AND, FROM VIEWPOINT OF US AS PRINCIPAL VICTIM COUNTRY, THERE WAS GRATIFYING INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT ON PART OF MOST SPEAKERS, INCLUDING REP OF WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. MEXICO URGED GREATER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL DRUG TRAFFIC WHILE CYPRUS IN THINLY DISGUISED REF TO TURKISH RENEWAL OF OPIUM CULTIVATION CONTRASTED NICETY OF HIGH-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH SEVERE TREATMENT METED OUT TO SMALL-TIME PUSHERS OF THE END-PRODUCT.

4. CHAIRMAN (NAQVI OF INDIA) INTERVENED TO EMPHASIZE COST TO POOR COUNTRIES OF CRIMES AGAINST ECONOMY, WHICH HE SAW AS DOING MORE HARM TO SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF POOR COUNTRIES THAN THEFT AND VIOLENCE. FRANCE (MEGRET) CITED ECONOMIC CRIMES AS HAVING TAKEN ON FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE.

5. HIGH POINT OF DISCUSSION WAS LONG PHILOSOPHICAL SPEECH BY AHMED KHALIFA OF EGYPT. HE EXPLAINED THAT AS CHAIRMAN OF COMITE WHICH WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION, HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE REPORTS SINCE HE HAD SAID IN THEM WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY. INSTEAD
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HE PRESENTED A SUMMARY OF MAJOR SOCIAL ISSUES THAT HAVE CONFRONTED NATIONS SINCE WORLD WAR II: RECONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, DISSENT AND UNREST, OVERPOPULATION, DRUG ADDICTION AND NOW CRIMINALITY. WHAT, HE ASKED ARE THE DIMENSIONS OF CRIMINALITY, SINCE CRIME REFLECTS THE CONDITIONS AND CHANGES IN SOCIETY ITSELF: HE SAW VIOLENCE AMONG YOUTH AS RESULTING FROM INTERPLAY OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FORCES AND THE SOCIAL PATTERN AS BEING DEEPLY COMMITTED TO CUT-THROAT COMPETITION AND WAR. PICKING UP FROM

US SPEECH WHICH CITED TORTURE AS MAIN PROBLEM, HE CALLED TORTURE A FORM OF TERRORISM PERPETRATED BY THE STATE AGAINST ITS OWN CITIZENS TO KEEP THEM SUBJECTED. WHAT HE ASKED IS UN DOING AND ANSWERED "VERY LITTLE." HIS ONLY CONCRETE THOUGHT AS TO WHAT UN COULD DO, HOWEVER, WAS POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION YEAR.

6. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIAL DEFENSE SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE 5TH UN CONGRESS. US REP SUPPORTED UK RECOMMENDATION THAT, FOLLOWING 5TH UN CONGRESS, NEXT LOGICAL STEP WOULD BE REGIONAL MEETINGS OF SOCIAL DEFENSE MINISTERS.

7. SEVERAL SPEAKERS, NOTABLY FRANCE AND UK, WERE CONCERNED OVER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CSD AND COMITE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT AS RESULT OF PROVISIONS OF RES 3021(XXVII) COMITE WILL SUBMIT ITS FINAL PLAN OF ACTION THROUGH ECOSOC TO 31ST GA WITHOUT CSD HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ANY INPUT INTO IT. UK REP THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED BY CSD RES RECOMMENDING THAT ECOSOC POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF COMITE'S FINAL PLAN OF ACTION UNTIL AFTER 25TH CSD MEETING IN 1977. ACTING CHAIRMAN (MCKAY) URGED UK DEL TO SOUND OUT OTHER DELS RE SUCH RES.

8. ACTION REQUEST: US DEL BELIEVES UK PROPOSAL TO BE USEFUL ON AND REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT IT.
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